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March 19, 1923.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Building.

My dear Miss Voss:

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I had however secured authorization from our Board to discuss the matter with the Woman's Board and if you desire I would be glad to take it up with you personally. It might save time if the Committee appointed for conference between the two Boards should get together.

As I see it, the Board of National Missions will expect our two Boards to go ahead along the lines of their present activity for the next few months. We should however anticipate the union and fusion of various phases of our work. It would seem to me therefore that our mountain work might be brought into closer supervision and I suggest the following points for discussion:

First, a Mountain Work Committee appointed by the Home Board and the Woman's Board at the April meeting.

Second, Executives designated by each of the two Boards named to confer with this Mountain Work Committee.

Third, a Superintendent of Mountain Work to be sought, either a man or a woman, who should undertake general supervision of the Presbyterian work in the Appalachian, Cumberland and perhaps the Ozark mountains.

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No. 2 Miss Edna R. Voss.

a view to forming a common budget in the early future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed phrase "Sincerely yours,".

WW:NR

Date March 26, 1923.

Station _____

Party _____

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Inter. Div.

In re Policy - a mountain division

The Field Work Committee recommends:

That in reply to a proposition from the Board of Home Missions to set up a separate division for mountain work in the new Board of National Missions, the President appoint a committee of three Board members with the two Field Work executives to confer with a similar committee from the Board of Home Missions in regard to this policy.

Date _____

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In re _____

Approved by Woman's Board

Date March 27 1923

Secretary

L. H. Dawson

Authorized Date of Grant } 191

Amount _____

Approved _____
Clerk of the Board

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Inte. Div

March 27, 1923.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I took your letter of March 19, 1923, relative to
a division of mountain work in the new Board of National Missions
to our Field Work Committee and Board. Action was taken today to
appoint a committee of three Board members with the two Field Work
executives to confer with a similar committee from the Board of Home
Missions in regard to this policy. If you will let me know when
such a committee has been appointed from your Board and suggest a
date for meeting I should be glad to take it up with our own committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Dr. Warren H. Wilson,
Building.

V/M

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Mr. Dingman

March 31, 1923.

Miss Annie Hyatt
166 Marlborough Road
Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Miss Hyatt:

Mrs. Bennett has appointed the committee authorized by the Board to confer with the Home Board in regard to a Mountain Division and has named you as Chairman together with Mrs. Louderbough and Miss Ogg as Board members, Miss Voss and Miss Dingman to represent the Field Work Department. As you know Miss Voss and Miss Dingman will be out of town all of next week so that you will not be able to call a committee meeting until after that time.

Mrs. Bennett has asked me to request you to preside at the Information Meeting of the Board next Tuesday as she will be in the conference on legal matters which is called by Dr. Hinitt. The meeting will be held in our Committee Room and I am asking Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Corning to report on their trips to the West Indies.

Affectionately yours,

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General Secretary.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg
104 South Elliott Place
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Miss Ogg:

Mrs. Bennett has appointed the committee authorized by the Board to confer with the Home Board in regard to the Mountain Division and has named you together with Miss Hyatt, Chairman, and Miss Ogg as Board members; Miss Voss and Miss Dingman to represent the Field Work Department.

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary.

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Inter-Dr.
April 2, 1923.

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School Department
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April 3, 1923

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:-

Your letter of March 27th came after Dr. Wilson had started for the Mountain Workers Conference. When he returns he will take up the question of the appointment by our Board of a Committee to consider the Mountain Work.

Sincerely yours, ,

W

Harmon E. Wyckoff

Copy for Miss Dingman.

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M. L. D.

April 17, 1923.

My dear Miss Hyatt:

In order that you may have the information which came to this office in Dr. Wilson's letter regarding the mountain division, I am enclosing a copy of that letter. It has been suggested that the Committee get together before it meets the Committee from the Board of Home Missions. I have talked with Dr. Wilson and find that the Committee from the Board of Home Missions has not yet been appointed. We have consulted our respective calendars and find that it will be impossible to get together in any case before May 2, the date of meeting the new Board of National Missions. I have left it that Dr. Wilson will let us know when his Committee has been appointed and a date that will be possible after May 2.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Miss Annie Hyatt,
166 Marlborough Road,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

V/M

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) Warren H. Wilson.

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Wm. D. S.

May 7, 1923.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I have your note of April 28 suggesting that the two committees to consider a possible mountain work department in the Board of National Missions get together before the General Assembly. I saw our committee members on Thursday and find that they are ready almost any time if a call is given them reasonably early. Unfortunately I am off of all of this week to Chicago to interview candidates for our work. I am hoping that I may not have to go to the General Assembly. Are you going? If not, we might get together at the very beginning of next week. This is the best I can do at present.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 28, 1923

HW

The School Department
Ans. 6/2/23
Date MAY 1 - 1923

Miss Edna A. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:-

The Board of Home Missions has appointed a Committee consisting of three members of the Board and two executive officers, Mr. Kelly and myself, to confer with you and a Committee of the Woman's Board in reference to a possible Mountain Work Department in the Board of National Missions. Whenever you are ready we will be glad to meet your Committee. I think it might be wise to get together before the General Assembly if you think that possible.

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Sincerely yours,

Warren H. Wilson
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Intn. Div

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Minutes of a meeting in Miss Dawson's office May 16th.

A joint committee appointed by the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions to consider the coordination of work in the Southern Mountains and the possibility of erecting a department of mountain work, met in the office of Miss Dawson on May 16th, 1923, at 10:30 a.m.

There were present Mrs. Lenderbough, the Misses Hyatt, Ogg, Ringum and Voss of the Woman's Board, and Mrs. Moore, Keeler, Werk, Wilson and Kelly of the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Werk was elected Chairman and Mr. Kelly Secretary.

Mr. Wilson stated briefly certain facts in connection with the administration of work in the Southern Mountains, after which there was a thorough discussion of some of the questions involved.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, and unanimously carried, that a committee of two be appointed by the Chairman to bring into an adjourned meeting the facts about the amount of money expended and the number of workers employed by the two Boards in their work in the states of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Arkansas and Missouri.

The Chairman appointed as the committee, Miss Voss and Mr. Wilson. It was moved by Mrs. Lenderbough, and carried, that a sub-committee be appointed by the Chairman to work out two detailed plans of cooperation, one based on the suggestions brought by Mr. Wilson, and the other on the basis of the plan of administration outlined in the Report of Dr. Stone's Committee, and in both cases looking toward a coordinated program for administering mountain work.

The above committee was appointed by the Chairman to consist of Miss Ringum, Mrs. Lenderbough, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kelly.

The committee adjourned to meet on Thursday, May 31st, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 634 of the Presbyterian Building.

JOHN RILEY KELLY;

Secretary.

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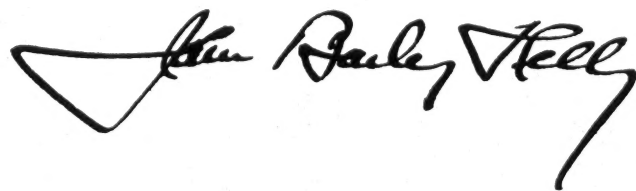
May 16, 1923.

Miss Helen Dingman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Dingman:

For your information I attach hereto
a copy of the Minutes of the meeting, at which you
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Sincerely yours,



JBK:ES

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Mountain Division

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

JOHN BAILEY KELLY
DISTRICT SECRETARY COLONIAL DISTRICT

May 31, 1923

From: Mr. Kelly
To: Miss Voss

Attached hereto are the Minutes of the meeting held in Dr. Wilson's office this morning. I would call your especial attention to the recommendations adopted which, I believe, you are to present in the name of the Committee to the next meeting of the Woman's Board.

J.B.K.

K/M

MINUTES OF MEETING IN DR. WILSON'S OFFICE MAY 31, 1935.

The joint committee appointed by the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Board of Home Missions to consider the coordination of work in the Southern Mountains, met in Dr. Wilson's office on May 31st, at 10:30 a.m.

There were present Mrs. Lunderbaugh, the Misses Rynth, Dungan, and Voss; Drs. Work and Elmore, and Messrs. Kelly and Morse, the latter representing Dr. Wilson.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Elmore.

Miss Voss reported for the Special Committee on the amount of money spent, and the number of workers employed in the Southern Mountains by the respective boards. The report was received.

Miss Dungan reported for the Special Committee which was to work out detailed plans of cooperation.

The report stated that at the very first meeting the Sub-Committee were agreed -

1. That so far as practical in the organization of the Board of National Missions, men and women be associated in the direction of particular departments of work.

2. That the Town and Country Department have a man and a woman associated as directors and that in general all work in small communities and all rural social work be assigned to this Department.

After thoroughly canvassing the possible forms of organization the Committee recommended -

1. That community work now in charge of the Women's Board be transferred to "Town and Country Work," with a proportionate rearrangement or transfer of funds.

2. That Schools and Hospitals such as are not part of a community development shall be transferred to the "Division of Schools and Hospitals," with a proportionate rearrangement or transfer of funds.

3. That in "Town and Country Work" a woman be elected to the Directorate, in addition to a man.

It was the judgment of the Committee that a series of "conferences" should be established to determine policies and plan with

regard to Mountain Work and other work in similar geographical areas, these Conferences to be composed of men and women definitely interested in the type of work under discussion, regardless of the department or division with which affiliated.

It was moved that the Joint Committee adopt this report as their recommendation to their respective Boards and that for information the matter be laid before the Executive Committee of the new National Board.

The Committee then adjourned.

JOHN BAILEY KELLY

Secretary.

Spanish Speaking Work